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Harry Zubkoff Dies at 92; Early News Review Editor

by Sandra A. Lange

Harry Morris Zubkoff, 92, died on May 27, 2014, of complications from a coronary heart procedure. Zubkoff was the editor of the Greenbelt News Review four times during the 1950s and 1960s, serving for different durations. And, though he moved away from Greenbelt in 1963, he often returned to pinch hit in a crisis or to celebrate a special News Review anniversary. We last saw Zubkoff, and his late wife Jeanette, at the News Review's 75th Anniversary dinner in November 2012 where he was one of the keynote speakers.

In 1949, Harry Zubkoff, his wife Jeanette and their young son Earl lived in an apartment just across the street from the newspaper's office in the basement of



Harry Zubkoff

15 Parkway so it was easy for him to volunteer. Over the years, he enjoyed telling the story of how he became editor. "I came down to the Cooperator (the prior name of the News Review) office one Tuesday night and discovered that only one other person was in the office, the editor Sally Mer-

edith." She greeted him warmly and then said she had to leave. "And that was the last I saw of her," he exclaimed. "I found myself in charge," he smiled, "probably because everyone else knew better."

"So, I worked till 3 a.m.," he continued, "and on Wednesday night again I worked till 3 a.m. On Thursday the paper came out.

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Impasse Hearing Yields Modest Increase in COLA for Officers

by Kathleen Gallagher

An article in this paper two weeks ago announced that a "first" was scheduled to occur on May 28 when the members of the Greenbelt City Council would take off their council hats and act for a time as an administrative hearing board. In that role, as required by the city's labor code, they would conduct a hearing and make a decision on the merits of the best offers of the city management and the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #32 (FOP) negotiators regarding two issues on which both sides agreed they had reached an impasse, to wit, the amount and the type of pay increase over the upcoming three-year contract period and whether an alternative option should be allowed for a different composition of the trial boards reviewing disciplinary actions taken against sworn officers under the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

Council approved the city's first collective bargaining agreement seven years ago, and the current negotiation is the first one in which an impasse has been declared. The city's voters in a referendum question in 2005 supported the idea of the city's undertaking collective bargaining with the police. The city then adopted a labor code that was negotiated with the police and in February 2007 recognized the FOP as a bargaining unit for the non-command staff sworn officers. By its own report, the FOP currently represents 43 bargaining unit employees with total salaries of \$2.7 million.

Negotiations to replace the current collective bargaining agreement began in December 2013. The city's negotiating team included Capt. John Barrett, Capt. James Parker, Lt. Marie Triesky and Director of Human Resources Mary Johnson. The FOP team was FOP Presi-

dent Michael Apgar, Sgt. Gordon Pracht, Cpl. Scott Kaiser, MPO Scott Yankow, MPO Jason Cressman and MPO Gerald Potts.

Representing the FOP at the hearing was their attorney Patrick McAndrew, with labor attorneys Jeremiah Collins and Abigail Carter. Representing the city were city solicitors Robert Manzi and John Shay, with labor attorneys Stephen Silvestri and Karen Kruger.

The impasse hearing was held in the city council room of the Municipal Building. The meeting was open to the public but it was not cablecast or taped as a public council meeting held in the municipal building typically would be. Although the numbers declined as the four-hour evening wore on, there were upwards of 100 people in the audience in the early hours and more in the hallway.

See IMPASSE, page 11

Council Opts for 3/4 Cent Increase in Tax Rate for 2015

by Thomas X. White

After nine worksessions considering the city manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget for city departments and programs, the Greenbelt City Council met on May 19 in its final budget worksession to reach agreement on changes, additions or deletions to the manager's proposal. During those nine budget worksessions, council developed a compilation of potential changes. These took the form of a "wish list" for final budget approval.

All councilmembers were present except Judith Davis, who was unable to attend. She, however, did provide her colleagues with a written compilation for changes she would support.

Councilmember Leta Mach also provided a written list and other members of council presented suggestions during the meeting.

Davis advised her colleagues it appeared that a tax rate increase would likely be inevitable, but "hoped it would be as small as needed." Mach, more to the

point, said she would accept a ¾ cent increase in the tax rate.

Financial Outlook

To begin discussion, Mayor Emmett Jordan asked the City Manager Michael McLaughlin to provide a financial outlook for the city. The latter advised that the city was in the second year of the state real estate assessment cycle. This means that the main source of city revenue would likely be the same for FY 2016.

Although the city could hope for some increase in state-shared revenue, this is not guaranteed. He thought some positive revenue impact could come from active development taking place at the South Core near the Metro station in Greenbelt West.

Regarding council's consideration of several wish list items, McLaughlin urged that the council not consider taking money from the city's reserve funds. He cautioned that these funds are needed for council-approved

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U.S. Secret Service Takes Over Greenbelt Fraud Investigation

by Cindy Henneberger

The United States Secret Service on Tuesday took over the investigation surrounding fraudulent transactions on Greenbelt residents' credit and debit cards, reported George Mathews, public information officer for the Greenbelt Police. "The scope of the case has become such that the Secret Service wanted to handle the investigation," Mathews said.

Greenbelters are reporting duplicate false credit and debit cards being used as far away as Florida, New York, Philadelphia and New Jersey, as well as Maryland locations such as Cockeysville, Owings Mills and Baltimore. Charges range from 29 cents to hundreds of dollars and have involved attempted purchases in brick-and-mortar stores like Target, Rite Aid, Batteries Plus, 7-Eleven, Dunkin' Donuts and Gulf Oil.

Though the Secret Service is heading the investigation, fraud victims should still contact the Greenbelt Police to make a report. "We will be working with the Secret Service, assisting them in any way we can," Mathews said.

The initial investigation began when a person refusing to leave his or her name called the Greenbelt Police Department the week of May 22 to report credit card fraud. Right behind that call came another caller; this time

leaving a name – and the reports of credit and debit card fraud have been rolling in ever since, according to Mathews.

Fraud reports seem to have the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy in common, according to Mathews, who said he contacted the Co-op after the first two calls came into the police department. "They confirmed there were some irregularities; and they were looking into it," Mathews said.

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union was also alerted to the problem on May 19 when several Credit Union members' cards were compromised and security alerts started coming in, said Credit Union General Manager Cindy Comproni. The Credit Union acted fast, blocking and reissuing 200 cards the same day, Comproni reported. Still, according to an internal investigation, the Credit Union is not the source of the security breach, Comproni said.

"We're still centering on the Co-op Supermarket as the point of commonality," Mathews said, a week after the investigation began. "But that could change."

A team of heavy hitters will begin investigating the Co-op Supermarket Wednesday or Thursday. At the Co-op's request, a security company will perform an electronic forensic examination,

according to Joe Timer, treasurer of the Co-op. These experts will check the hardware, software and procedures involved in making purchases at the Co-op, Timer said. The Co-op searched far and wide looking for the right team, according to Timer. Though the supermarket has not released the name of the investigating organization, Timer said of them, "They're the extreme experts, the top of the line guys."

The forensic exam is part of an ongoing effort by the Co-op to discover whether it is a source of the security breach, an effort that began after it received reports of credit and debit card fraud on May 19, according to Timer. He said the Co-op is trying everything it can to treat the matter seriously, including shutting down its electronic payment system and instead selling goods to customers on a cash and check basis.

The Co-op's online payment system will remain down "until we have additional security measures in place and are 100 percent confident that our customers' financial accounts are not vulnerable to potential security threats," reported Co-op General Manager Bob Davis in a statement emailed to co-op patrons and posted on the Greenbelters Yahoo group on May 24.

See FRAUD CASE, page 7

What Goes On

Saturday, June 7

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Greenbelt Pet Expo 2014, Greenbelt Dog Park

Monday, June 9

6:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Youth Center

Wednesday, June 11

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114

City Survey by Voters Is Generally Positive

Tabulations of questionnaires concerning city services filled out by Greenbelt voters on Election Day 2013 and at early voting precincts has been made available online. The questionnaires were tabulated by the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research.

In a memo from Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin the following key points were described. Additional detail on responses is available in the city manager's office.

Of the people who voted, 893 or 46 percent completed the questionnaires. The response rate is down nine percent from 2011 but higher than in three previous elections. In order of participation, Precinct 6 was highest at 21 percent, Precinct 3 at 15 percent, Precinct 8 at 10 percent and Precinct 18 at seven percent, trailed by Precinct 13 at only one percent.

Another 20 percent were submitted during early voting, five percent were mailed in or hand-delivered and 21 percent were submitted online. Among respondents 63 percent were from single-family detached homes (28 percent) or GHI (35 percent). The remainder were distributed as follows: 10 percent in apartments, 14 percent in townhouses and 10 percent in condominiums.

In age, 34 percent of respondents were between 45 to 60 and 44 percent over 60.

Forty-four percent of respondents have lived in Greenbelt more than 20 years and another 27 percent some 11 to 20 years. Thirty-five percent of respondents are retired.

Where They Work

On the question about where respondents work, 15 percent work in Greenbelt, 19 percent work in Prince George's County and 15 percent work in Washington, DC, a total of 49 percent. (There were 293 "no responses" to this question, so percentages reflect only those who answered. A large fraction of the "no responses" may correspond to the 310 respondents who had elsewhere identified themselves as retired.)

Respondents also were asked to rate city services. All services scored well and many were very highly rated. To achieve a score of 4.00, three-fourths of respondents would have to rate a service good or excellent. The following top five rated services were Senior Programs (4.57), Camp Programs (4.57), Visual Art Programs (4.55), Special Events (4.53) and Pre-School Classes (4.52).

Those lowest rated were Parking Enforcement (3.75), Dog Park (3.78), Street Lighting (3.82), the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (3.83) and Bike Lanes (3.85).

The score for Pre-School Classes had the greatest percentage increase (8.55 percent) and the Skate Park the greatest decrease (1.84 percent). Only 58 respondents rated Pre-School Classes however, and 113 respondents rated the Skate Park. The score for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center experienced a significant improvement the last two questionnaires, rising more than six percent in 2011 and 2013.

Other Findings

Certain other useful findings are as follows:

A small majority of 55 percent favored term limits and reten-

tion of two-year terms. A larger majority (69 percent) supported a recall process and 63 percent did not believe there should be a separate mayoral election. Since 2011, 547 respondents have had contact with the Police Department, of whom 89 percent said the Police employee had been polite and courteous and 86 percent felt they had been assisted satisfactorily.

In Community Development, 126 residents had had contact with departmental employees; 73 percent noted that the employee was polite and courteous and 61 percent indicated they were assisted satisfactorily. Some 560 respondents had contact with Public Works, of whom 86 percent indicated the employee was polite and courteous.

In response to a question about how residents prefer to receive information about city programs and services, the top preference was Greenbelt News Review, followed by email notification and city newsletter.

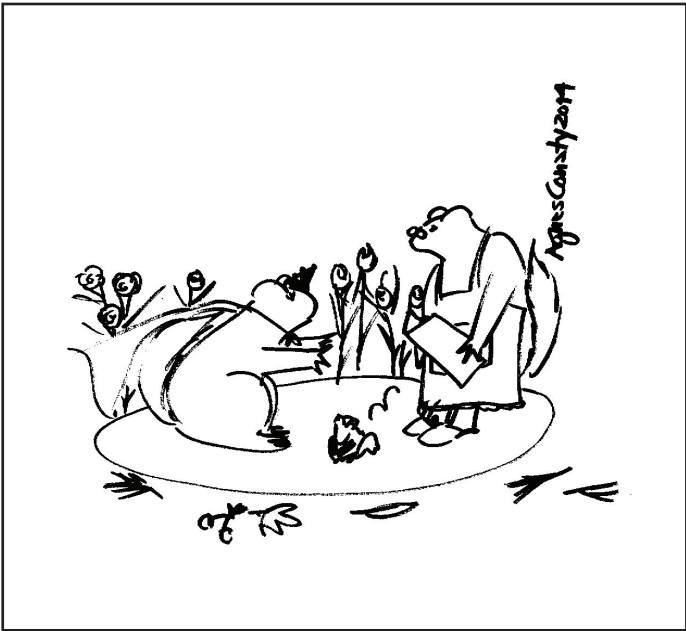
The small response to the education-related questions will limit their usefulness. The Prince George's School system overall received a 2.81. While still low, this is the highest score since the 2005 questionnaire. When asked if they make use of www.greenbeltnet.org, 518 (65 percent) of respondents marked yes.

Under City Services and Taxes, residents were asked to rate the value of city services and program for their tax dollars. The overall average score was 4.10 out of 5.00, less than 4.21 in 2011 but higher than in previous years.

A majority of respondents said they would support a tax increase to maintain current services and programs (551 or 62 percent) and/or to provide fair compensation to employees (573 or 64 percent). However, only 38 percent (343) indicated they would support a tax hike to increase city services and programs.

In general, residents appear to support organizations and services provided in the community.

Grin Belt



"What are the chances if I kiss this frog of transforming from a common squirrel to a royal princess?"

Hunting Ridge Condos Elects New Officers

On May 30 Hunting Ridge Condominium residents elected officers and board members for the coming year. Those elected include President Jacquelyn Waters, Vice President Marcia Cain, Secretary Gena Wilson, Treasurer Maria Gonzalez and Director

Gloria Wright.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse, 6914 Hanover Parkway. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

Letters

Loves Storytime

We've really been enjoying the Thursday morning Storytime at Greenbelt library. The leader positively engages and interacts with the children. We especially enjoy the stories and action songs. We look forward to participating in more programs this summer.

Thanks for this library program!

Li'l Dan Celdran

Clarification

Late Wednesday night, the News Review was asked to include in the paper a request that any information concerning possibly fraudulent use of credit and debit cards be reported directly to the Greenbelt Police Department. We have since learned that it was not helpful to include the name of the investigating officer. The News Review regrets the error.

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$45/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

At the Library

Thursday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime, for ages 3 to 5. This weekly drop-in program includes engaging activities and stories interspersed with songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Limited to 20 people. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets.

Adult Programs

Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. Book discussion of Yes, Chef by Marcus Samuelsson.

The book begins with a simple ritual: Every Saturday afternoon, a boy who loves to cook walks to his grandmother's house and helps her prepare a roast chicken for dinner. The grandmother is Swedish, a retired domestic. The boy is Ethiopian and adopted. He will grow up to become the world-renowned chef Marcus Samuelsson.

This book is his love letter to food and family in all its manifestations. Yes, Chef chronicles Samuelsson's journey, from his grandmother's kitchen to his arrival in New York City, where his outsize talent and ambition finally come together. Anyone who has read the book and would like to discuss it is welcome to participate.

All Ages

Fizz, Boom, Read! Registration has opened online and in branch libraries for the Prince George's County Library System's science-themed summer reading program to run June through August. The program offers activities throughout the summer for preschool, elementary, middle and high school students and adults of all ages.

Students from early readers through high school can register for a game board to participate in activities such as science workshops and magic shows, as well as earning badges and prizes. Adults can log their summer reading for a chance to win prizes.

The program includes special events throughout the summer, including ice cream kick-offs, story times, puppet shows, music workshops, nature presentations, family chemistry challenges and scavenger hunts. Each library branch holds its own events listed on pgcmcls.info/SummerAtYourLibrary.

For more information, visit the Greenbelt Library, call 301-345-5800 or go to www.pgcmcls.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

GHI Notes

Friday, June 6, office closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Sunday, June 8, noon to 3 p.m., Community Wide Open House. Pick up map at Roosevelt Center, 25 Crescent Road.

Monday, June 9, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, June 10, 7 p.m., GHI New Member Social – Board Room

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m., Rental Taskforce Meeting – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Meeting Room

Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (open session) – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Greenbelt Recreation To Hold Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Friday, June 13 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

GIVES to Hold Annual Meeting

GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, June 14 at 10 a.m. in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend and visitors are also welcome.

The agenda will include elections for the offices of vice president, secretary and treasurer, as well as a discussion of proposed changes to the bylaws.

Members who are interested in running for any of the vacant offices or in nominating someone else to run for office are asked to call Judy Ott at 301-474-0222.

Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club, a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, is seeking new members interested in meeting the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next meeting will be held Monday, June 9.

For more information email jdea@hotmail.com.

Boxwood Civic Assoc. Sets Meeting Date

The annual meeting of the Boxwood Village Civic Association will be held on Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at 101 Tamarisk Court. The main topic for discussion will be the future of the organization. Recent events have been poorly attended and volunteers have been difficult to find.

Candidates are also needed for all leadership positions. For further information, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

June Co-op Events

Interested in learning more about wine? Co-op will host its first wine seminar, Fundamentals of Wine Evaluation on June 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with Abby Hollowell of Port of Leonardtown Winery. For a fee the tasting will include seven wine samples and seven small bite pairings. Register at the customer service office with cash or a check.



Join the Co-op for free wine tastings on June 13 and 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. and on June 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. An area vineyard, Boordy, will join the Co-op for the June 13 tasting.

This month's Healthy Happy Hour will be held on June 11, 5 to 7 p.m. Sample Wok Me Up kits from the produce department and a peach basil smoothie with cucumber and lime. For more information, visit www.greenbelt.coop.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Summer is upon us. There will be lots of hot sunny days and some showers and humidity. The Golden Age club meets in a nice air-conditioned room in the Community Center and we have lots of activities planned. So come and enjoy the meetings and stay cool.

On June 11 George Mathews, media specialist with the Greenbelt Police Department, will speak on Con Artists and Fraud.

We have a date for the Yard/Bake Sale in October and some great trips are planned for this summer. There are still openings on some of them.

The Birthday Luncheon is on June 18 and Bingo is on June 25. We are pleased to announce several new members and always welcome more. Keep smiling! Someone smiled at me today and I started smiling too.

Greenbelt Park Volunteer Day

Greenbelt Park will hold a National Trails Volunteer Day on Saturday, June 7 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Volunteers can participate in a trail maintenance project or remove invasive plants in the park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and trail projects will begin at 9 a.m. The Invasive Plant removal program will begin at 11:00 a.m. All participants must pre-register by calling 301-344-3948.

The park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3948 or visit the web site at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

Next Computer Club Meeting Is June 12

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are invited to come join discussions about computers and electronic devices.



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A Million Ways to Die in the West, R (!)
11:15, 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:20
X-Men: Days of Future Past, PG-13
11:55, 3:55, 7:05, 10
Maleficent, in 3D, PG-13 (!)
5:05, 9:55
Maleficent, in 2D, PG-13 (!)
11:30, 12:05, 2, 2:30, 4:30, 7, 7:30, 9:25
Edge of Tomorrow, PG-13 (!)*
10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
The Fault in Our Stars, PG-13 (!)*
10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Blended, PG-13
4:25
Godzilla, PG-13
10:55, 1:40, 7:25, 10:15

THURSDAY

Belle, PG
11:25, 2:05, 4:35
How to Train Your Dragon 2, in 2D, PG (preshow)
10:10
How to Train Your Dragon 2, in 3D, PG (preshow)
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22 Jump Street, R (preshow)
7:05, 9:40

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St. Hugh's Annual RUMMAGE SALE Saturday and Sunday

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Obituaries

Raphael Coulter

Longtime resident Raphael “Rae” Coulter, 84, died on May 1, 2014, at her home in Pinellas Park, Fla.

Mrs. Coulter was born in Queens, N.Y., to Alice and Paul Morrisson in 1929. Her family moved to Maryland when she was in her teens. In 1948 she married Edward Coulter and in 1951 they moved to Greenbelt to raise their five children. They were active in the community with their children and it was not unusual for Mrs. Coulter to step up to help her husband coach Little League.

Mrs. Coulter worked at the Government Printing Office for many years and later at the Student Union Book Store at the University of Maryland (UM). She loved working at the Student Union and enjoyed working with college students. She was a big Terps fan who attended most of the basketball games at Cole Field House. In 1984 she retired from UM and she and her husband re-located to Pinellas Park. In retirement she enjoyed bowling, playing cards and going to flea markets. She also enjoyed crocheting and made afghans for all her family.

Mrs. Coulter was preceded in death by her husband, son Wayne Coulter; and brother Paul Morrisson.

She is survived by children Patricia Coulter Lowery, Mary Coulter Woolard (Joseph), James Coulter(Sylvia) and Bruce Coulter(Debbie); brother Charles Morrisson (Linda); and grandchildren Dianne Domchick McCarthy, Glenn Domchick, Christopher Coulter, Carolyn Coulter Ward, Jaclyn Coulter Phelan, Lauren Coulter DeMunda, Matthew Lowery and Janelle Woolard; Samantha Boardman; and 14 great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on May 14 in Pinellas Park.

Bernina Giese

Bernina McGee Giese, 85, died on June 2, 2014, from pneumonia. She was the wife of James Giese and a long-time Greenbelt resident. A memorial service will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church on Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m.

St. Hugh’s Rummage Sale

St. Hugh’s annual rummage sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15.

There will be a huge array of items, with something for everyone. All are invited to come see and buy. See ad on page 3.



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Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



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“Finally, brothers, whatever is **TRUE**, whatever is **HONORABLE**, whatever is **JUST**, whatever is **PURE**, whatever is **LOVELY**, whatever is **COMMENDABLE**, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Philippians 4:8

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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



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Children’s Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

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Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
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Sunday Worship
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June 8, 10 a.m.
Lost and Found

PBUUC Youth Group; with Mary Wester, Worship Associate

This annual youth-led service features music, dance, and drama, as we explore the topic of loss, and the opportunities that arise from it.

2014 Berwyn Baptist Church Summer Children’s Schedule
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College Park, MD 20740
301.474.7117 <http://berwynbaptist.org>

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

Vacation Bible School



DISCOVER DECIDE DEFEND | PETER 3:15
June 16 - June 20, 6 - 8:30 pm
3 year olds – Adult
FREE
Theme: Discover, Decide, Defend

5-Day Bible Camp



June 30 - July 4, 10am -1pm
5 year olds – 12 year olds
Lessons held outside, weather permitting
FREE
Series: Creation

High Power Soccer Camp



July 14 - July 18, 6 - 8:30pm
5 to 10 year olds
Cost: \$5 per child
Mission: Unstoppable


Greenbelters are deeply saddened to hear of the death of Bernina (“Bernie”) McGee Giese on June 2, 2014, at the age of 85. Sympathy to her husband, News Review staffer and former City Manager Jim Giese, her two daughters and other family and friends. A memorial service will be held at the Community Church on June 28 at 11 a.m.

Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter J. Anthony Morris, 95, who died May 31, 2014. Dr. Morris and his wife Ruth, who survives him, were married for 71 years. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church on Thursday, June 5.

We extend condolences to family and friends of longtime former resident Raphael (“Rae”) Coulter, who died on May 1, 2014, at her home in Pinellas Park, Fla. She and her husband Ed, who predeceased her, raised their five children here, moving to Florida after her retirement.

Congratulations to:

- Tom Moran, who was selected as the GAIL Volunteer of the Year at a recognition program on May 15. Also attending, in addition to family, were GIVES, the county AARP Tax Aide program coordinator and Meals on Wheels, each to bring thanks and greetings for his many years of service to those organizations.
- the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Raiders Boyz Step Squad, which won the National Title at the 2014 Youth Step USA National High School Stepping Championship May 24 in Harrisburg, Pa. The 16-member team, also proud of a team average of 3.6 GPA including six above 4.0, is coached by ERHS alumnus Richard Melvern, also a former captain of the team
- Lynne and Matt Chandler, former Greenbelt residents on the birth of their twins on Mother’s Day, May 11, 2014, Ann Eleanor weighed in first at 3 lbs., 12 oz., followed two minutes later by Elizabeth May (Ella) at 2 lbs., 1 oz. They join big brother Hayden, 6. The family now lives in Chevy Chase. Mom Lynne is a founding member of the Greenbelt Farmers Market board of directors, delivered the News Review as a carrier for many years and is the daughter of News Review staffer and proud grandma Joanne Tucker. Janet and Andy Nuckolls of Chattanooga, Tenn., are the other grandparents.
- former resident Kathryn O’Sullivan, now an author living in Virginia and the daughter of former News Review staffer Jim O’Sullivan, on publication of her newest mystery, Murder on the Hoof. She will be at the Bethesda Barnes & Noble store for a book talk and signing appearance for the new book Thursday, June 12 from 7 to 8 p.m.
- Racheal Myers, who graduated from Frostburg State University cum laude, with a B.S. degree in English (professional writing), minoring in journalism and history. She is the daughter of Teresa Sando and Roy Myers and granddaughter of former Hill-side residents Lee and Ed Sando.
- Ursula Ann Tooley, who graduated with honors from the University of Arizona in Tucson with a B.S. in neuroscience and minors in both mathematics and Chinese. She also received a special award from the Neuroscience Department for her research involving children with Down Syndrome. She is the daughter of Greenbelters Craig Tooley and






PHOTO BY AMAH BELLA R. NAVARROSA

Dustin Navarro from Ms. Fernandez’s 4th grade Magnolia Elementary School class submitted the winning Prince George’s County entry for the Maryland Municipal League “If I were Mayor” essay competition and was honored May 16 in the Governor’s Reception Room at the Maryland State House. At left is a bearded Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan.

Terri Rutledge.

- Magnolia Elementary School fourth grader Dustin Navarro, who walked away with county honors in the Maryland Municipal League’s “If I were Mayor” contest and was honored at an Annapolis reception in the governor’s Reception Room May 16.
- Colleen McAndrew, who received her B.S. degree in sociology from Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Pa. She is a third-generation Greenbelter, the daughter of Patrick and Linda McAndrew and granddaughter of the late Tom and Peg McAndrew and the late Bill and Terry Williams.

Please call Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892 with your Greenbelt graduate’s information.

– Kathleen McFarland

Club125 Project Night Thursday

Every Thursday evening during the summer Club125 will host an open project night from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The club is in Roosevelt Center next to the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

All are invited to drop in to work on their personal projects or to join a club team project, featuring all types of crafts including woodworking, gardening, electronics and internet development. Three current club projects are building a float for the Greenbelt Labor Day parade, building a living green wall exhibit and building a new community website.

Grant Meeting

On Thursday, June 19 at 7 p.m. there will be a special meeting to work on developing a grant proposal for a community neighborhood challenge project. Bring ideas to help Club125 win a \$2,000 grant to fund the project.



You Are Cordially Invited to the Rotary Club of Greenbelt

Membership Outreach & Club Update

"Rotary is made up of Professional Men and Women who meet together for Friendship and Fellowship, and assist with Charity, Scholarship, and Relief Projects"

Thursday Evening, June 12, 2014
6:00 – 7:30 PM


Greenbelt Marriott
6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt 20770

Enjoy Complimentary Happy Hour and Hors d'oeuvres
Program: Update on What Rotary Does and How You Can Become Involved


Cost: FREE

Please RSVP: to mfuerst@columbususa.com or louismpope@aol.com
For additional information call Mark Fuerst at 301-767-7457





City Information




GREENBELT PET EXPO 2014


Saturday, June 7
10am-2pm
Greenbelt Dog Park
7201 Hanover Drive
301-474-6124

Bring your pets and enjoy food, games, moon bounces, DJ, Doggy Ice Cream Truck, give-aways, Greenbelt Police K9 demonstration and a lot more. Information tables sponsored by Greenbelt Animal Control, College Park Animal Control, Prince George’s County Animal Control, Greenbelt Dog Training, Greenbelt CERT, Frisky’s Wildlife, Spay Now, Girl Scout Troop 5859, Maryland Feline Society, Beltway Emergency Veterinary Hospital and the businesses listed below.

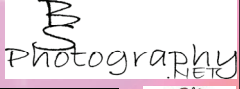
Prince George’s County SPCA will be holding a RABIES AND MICROCHIP CLINIC from 10:30-12:30. Rabies shots will be \$10 and Microchipping will be \$25. Cash only. Pets must be on leash or in a carrier. Please bring your pet’s vaccination records; a rabies tag is not sufficient proof of vaccination





SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George’s County

















VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 9-13

Monday, June 9 at 6:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Youth Center, 101 Centerway, Conference Room.

Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114.


This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(1) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt Ethics Commission will be held on Monday, June 9, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Library of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review 2013 Financial Reports submitted by Council and Staff, as well as members of the Advisory Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk



Don’t Miss Out!

There are still some openings in our summer camp programs. Download brochure at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or call 301-397-2200 or 301-397-2208 for more information.

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Great! Thursday night I got a call from the printer who said, “Well, Zubkoff, I understand you’re the new editor. Congratulations! When are you going to pay the thousand dollars you owe me?”

“But things moved fast in the next few days,” he reminisced. “. . . The telephone company removed our phone because we were three months behind in our bill.” Also, the desks and typewriters were moved out of the office because the PHA (the government agency that loaned the equipment) wanted them back.

Name Change

Zubkoff was very proud of his role in changing the newspaper’s name from the Cooperator to the Greenbelt News Review. In the July 29, 1954, issue he announced that a name change was forthcoming. He felt that a more independent name would distinguish the newspaper from the other cooperatives in Greenbelt. “The truth is, a newspaper is a public service,” he stated. “We believe that a name change will render a greater service to our community by increasing our readership acceptance and we are asking our readers for their opinions,” he wrote. Greenbelt’s newspaper was published from July 29 to September 16, 1954, without a name until the staff and community decided on Greenbelt News Review.

Denouncing a Vandal

Vandalism by local youth was a recurring problem in Greenbelt’s early days and Zubkoff was particularly provoked by random acts of destruction. In addition to editorials bemoaning these occurrences, he expressed his ire and wit in columns such as the one which he wrote in 1950 and is printed on this page. It was called “Revenge.”

Beginning in 1953, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) provided the News Review with its basement office space at 15 Parkway. It was a large room but lacked facilities such as running water and a toilet. When needs arose, staff had to race upstairs to use the bathroom of one of the tenants, an inconvenience to both parties. Zubkoff persuaded GHI to install a small bathroom sink and toilet in the office, a relief to all, especially the pregnant female staff members.

Career

In his professional career, Zubkoff worked as a civilian at the Pentagon. He was a self-taught writer and editor, and the publisher of the Current News, a daily Pentagon publication which tracked all media comments on national security issues. Along with a team of writers and editors, he was responsible for publishing both an early morning and noontime edition of Current News which were distributed to about 15,000 government and military personnel. Harry Zubkoff was at the helm of Current News for 36 years, from 1950 until he retired in 1986. During that time, he received numerous awards and medals for his service.

GHI

In 1960 he decided to run for the GHI Board of Directors. The following year he was elected president of the GHI board. In 1963, he resigned from the board and moved with his family to Silver Spring.

An editorial published in the Greenbelt News Review reflected the state of GHI during Zubkoff’s tenure and on his contributions to



News Review stalwarts were in fine spirits at the 75th Anniversary of the newspaper in November 2012. Left to right are past editor Virginia Beauchamp, current editor Mary Lou Williamson, past editor Harry Zubkoff and past president Elaine Skolnik.

the housing cooperative. Zubkoff took “over the presidency at a time when the board of directors was racked with internal dissension and when he himself was under attack as a partisan . . .,” the editorial stated. “In the face of an atmosphere highly charged with insinuations and affronts of a personal nature, he bent backward to assure the objectivity of the chair and fair play for all participants . . . during the last six months of his office . . . the corporation joined ranks behind him [restoring] an atmosphere of harmony and reason . . . and vindictiveness and bitterness took a back seat . . . he has left the corporation on a more solid and unified basis than when he entered office,” the editorial concluded.

Family

Harry and Jeanette Zubkoff lived in the 17 Court of Ridge Road during most of their years in Greenbelt. They raised two children, Earl and Elaine. Elaine remembers her dad singing songs to her and her brother at the table after dinner and being very social. She and Earl revered their father for “being a dad who was always there, despite his commitments to his career and community involvement, and his 70-year marriage to my wonderful mom,” Elaine stated. “I know he was proud of his many and varied publications throughout his career in government – and I was, too. He never went to college but he was an avid reader and a natural leader and I’ve never known anyone to match his intelligence and his communication abilities – but he was very humble,” she affirmed.

Elaine also recalled her dad’s love of music. “He played show tunes on the radio on car trips, and Israeli and pop records . . . at home. For a special treat, my brother and I were allowed to eat dinner in front of the TV to watch a Leonard Bernstein concert special,” she remembers.

Elaine credits her dad with influencing her own career choices. She works as a writer and editor for the Department of Health and Human Services. “I shared everything with him through my various positions and government experiences and he replied with stories about his experiences every time – he knew how to cheer me up or give me advice without my knowing. He was a storyteller, educator, advisor and friend to me – and in recent years I have learned he was those things to three generations of friends and relatives,” she concluded.

Earl Zubkoff stated that his father maintained an active lifestyle after his retirement. He continued to write about defense issues and he and Jeanette traveled extensively. In recent years, he kept in touch with dozens of friends, former colleagues and relatives through email and Facebook.

In June 2004, Zubkoff joined other former and current News Review editors to discuss the history and challenges of the newspaper in a “Chautauqua” sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum. Zubkoff mused that the newspaper was a nonprofit “and we had no profits anyway,” noting the perennial lack of funding. He also recalled how he and then president Alfred Skolnik differed on the role of editorials. Zubkoff stated that he felt editorials should reflect a specific point of view on an issue whereas Skolnik wanted editorials to present both points of view.

In 1967 Zubkoff wrote a “Letter to the Editor” congratulating the News Review on publishing a 24-page issue. “Greenbelt is a lucky community to have such public spirited citizens willing to donate their time and effort to this purpose,” he stated. It also can be said that Greenbelt was lucky to have had the commitment and leadership of Harry Zubkoff during some pivotal years in its history as well.

Zubkoff was preceded in death by his wife Jeanette Ruth Zubkoff. He is survived by his son Earl Zubkoff and daughter Elaine (Richard) Blackman; and grandchildren Sandy and Mark Blackman. Interment was at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Adelphi. Memorial contributions may be made to Naamat, 505 8th Avenue, New York, NY. 10018.

Revenge

This is to advise a guy
In no uncertain terms,
That I will catch him, by and by,
And feed him to the worms.
For pranks are pranks, and jokes are jokes,
And boys are always boys,
But you will agree, won’t you folks
That clotheslines aren’t toys?
Yet every time we look around
(It’s happened once or twice)
We find our clothes line on the ground,
I ask you, Is that nice?
I am sure that everyone in town
Will wish me all the best,
The day that I catch up with,
And eliminate this pest.
This I say and this I mean
And you can mark it down,
That someday I will catch the guy,
Who cuts my clothesline down!

– Harry Zubkoff



GUTTER CLEANING

DCG Cleaning, Aerotech Gutter, & Gilbert Construction will begin spring gutter cleaning and inspections.

The week beginning June 9, work will be in this approximate area:
Ridge Courts 65-73; Research Courts 1-9; and Hillside Courts 9 & 11-14.

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

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2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204
www.greenbelttv.org
Studio: 301-507-6581

FREE

Public Service Announcement (PSA Day)
Saturday, June 14 from 10-12 Noon
Greenbelt Non-Profit Organizations can publicize their organization or upcoming event in a :30 – 1 minute spot for airing on the GATE Channel. (\$\$ for a web or DVD copy)

MEMBERS ONLY

Canon Camera Class (\$\$)
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Proposed FY 2015 Budget Wish List

The list consisted of one item of savings and 15 items of proposed new expenditures.

Savings from lower health insurance premiums:	\$100,000
One Information Technology (IT) staff person (GC-14):	\$60,000
Second IT person –Police Department:	\$60,000
Optional additions to City Manager's Office: one at \$90,000 and one at	\$60,000
Director of External Relations:	\$100,000
Half-time Juvenile Delinquency Counselor or Mentoring program:	\$30,000
Advisory Committee on Education (ACE):	\$2,000
Contribution to multi-city study for animal shelter:	\$3-5,000
Repair/Replace Public Works CNG fueling facility:	\$25-50,000
Additional requested funds for Contribution Groups*:	\$300

(*Contribution grant funding by \$1,700 due to a mistake during the past fiscal year when an overpayment to certain groups was made. Councilmembers were fairly vocal about that mistake, caused apparently by miscommunication during adoption of the FY 2014 budget.)

At the same time council agreed to provide an additional grant to the Alight Dance Theater group of \$1,000 and \$500 for a new project requested by CHEARS.

Other Contribution Group requests – Alight, CHEARS, GreenSTEMS:	\$7,000
Cablecasting from Community Center MP room:	\$20-30,000
Recreation supervisor position:	\$70,000
Raising minimum wage to \$8.40:	\$13,000
Police body cameras/protective vests:	\$81,300
Tents for Labor Day Festival:	\$9,000

Council followed the usual process then of discussing the relative merits of each item. Wherever there was a majority of at least four members, a particular item would be added as a consensus change to the manager’s proposed budget.

capital improvement projects. Jordan opined it will be really tough for council to implement some recommendations from the organizational assessment conducted last year. Several items on the so-called wish list, however, result from assessment recommendations. Mach suggested that council use the wish list and see where there appears some consensus on particular items. After general discussion, that is what council ended up doing.

Consensus Items

The following items achieved consensus:

With potential savings of approximately \$100,000 from a reduction in the city’s health insurance expenses, a majority of council agreed to add \$50,000 to the manager’s proposed revenue estimate for the FY 2015 budget, bringing total projected budget revenues to \$25,245,000. This would be the only suggested change for the FY 2015 revenue estimate, an amount that would not come close to funding the several suggested expenditure items within the “wish list.”

While the wish list called for two new IT positions for city administration and the Police Department, council’s consensus was to add only one IT staff person for the Police Department, which could also assist other departments’ IT issues.

For the city manager’s office, council agreed also to fund for one-half year an additional staff position (probably a management analyst) at \$45,000.

Council agreed also to add \$30,000 to the budget for a contracted position for “External Relations.” This function would involve carrying out recommendations from the city’s Economic Development Study and also for writing grant applications. An additional Recreation Department supervisor position was also funded for a half-year at \$35,000.

Also added to budget expenditures were \$2,000 for additional grants to Greenbelt schools by

the city’s Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

Final Items

The last items agreed to were expenditures of \$13,000 allowing the city to meet the new Maryland increase in the minimum wage and \$9,000 to cover expenses for the possible need to switch from wooden booths to canvas tents for the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. This potential need was based upon a recommendation of the county fire marshall.

Council members were visibly upset about this new requirement. They felt the decision by the fire marshall should be validated.

Cablecast Issue

One wish list item involved additional funds to allow the city to cablecast its meetings from the Community Center second-floor multipurpose room. On this issue, the city manager said that this wish list item would not necessarily require additional budget funding.

He suggested that the city staff, led by Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau, would consider several options for installing equipment to allow the multipurpose room to function in a more audio-visual mode with the capability to cablecast council worksessions and other meetings from that room.

He suggested the city could use approximately \$50,000 from the City Public Access, Education and Government Access funds for such a project and they would not have to come from the annual budget.

With those consensus positions, council added about \$200,500 in new expenditures to the FY 2015 budget. To make up some of the difference, there was consensus agreement to increase the city tax rate by ¼ cent, adding about \$142,000 to proposed revenue, with a small shortage (about \$2,300) left. McLaughlin said he could probably make up the difference by using some non-appropriated funds.

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First Data, the firm that processes the Co-op’s debit and credit card transactions, checked out the Co-op’s system within a day of learning of Greenbelt’s fraud problems, according to Timer. In addition, Co-op hired an external internet security firm to test its electronic system’s vulnerability to outside hacking. But both investigations found no irregularities and no penetrations, Timer stated.

“We have yet to identify anything that says we are clearly at fault,” Timer said.

Nonetheless, responding within days of the first fraud report, the Co-op Supermarket beefed up its existing firewall, Timer reported. Now its firewall can monitor every electronic communication coming into and going out of Co-op’s building, according to Timer.

Electronic fraud is not unique to Greenbelt; it is widespread, Timer pointed out, referencing articles on hacking that he read in the Washington Post on Friday and Consumer Reports’ July issue.

“In the old days you had Bonnie and Clyde robbing banks, now it’s done electronically, very quietly,” Timer said.

The Greenbelt Police have received in excess of 50 reported cases of credit and debit card fraud, according to Mathews. “And that number is expected to rise,” he added, saying that reports are still coming in.

The police had difficulty nailing down an exact number of cases, though, because victims were asking for the detective investigating the fraud instead of reporting it directly when calling the Greenbelt Police Department’s main non-emergency number 301-474-7200. Normally a dispatcher fields calls and then dispatches

an officer out to make a report, Mathews stated.

But callers have been leaving messages for the detective who has been out investigating the fraud, Mathews told the News Review Monday. So callers’ concerns lay waiting in the detective’s voice mail. Requests for the investigating detective started coming in after the News Review mistakenly asked readers to contact the detective by name, in its May 29 police blotter.

“For clarification, detectives need citizens to make a report, not contact a detective. The detectives will contact them as their investigations proceed,” Mathews explained.

The fraudulent transactions are occurring at physical locations, according to Mathews. This has been Comproni’s experience as well. The transactions she saw at the Credit Union were the result of a person or persons getting information from the magnetic strip on a card, which allowed them to produce counterfeit cards, according to Comproni. They then swiped the duplicate cards at various brick-and-mortar shops, according to Comproni, who said she has seen no fraud that occurred online or over the phone.

Mathews advises people to always check their statements for debit and credit card transactions. Police are not certain if this is the case in Greenbelt but it is a common practice for thieves to place small charges to see if the cards will work, he said. They may also sell the card to someone else, but may check it first, Mathews added.

Katrina Boverman, a Co-op member, is not blaming the supermarket for the quagmire. “They [the Co-op] are such a

center of our community and are so incredibly reliable all the time . . . through all kinds of weather,” she stated and expressed her hope that shoppers would remain loyal. But she is worried others might not feel the same – and that despite the Co-op putting forth time and resources to find out what happened, patrons may go elsewhere if they can’t make electronic transactions.

Fraud victims are not the only ones being affected by the crime. “For those of us who have not been snagged as of yet, we still live in fear that ‘they’ have our card numbers and will tag us at any inopportune moment,” stated Greenbelter Ellen Noll. To be cautious Noll canceled her cards and requested new ones.



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“Making Tomorrow Better Today”

Dirksen Joins Art and Gardening At Greenbelt Elementary School

by Anne Gardner

When local parent and artist Lucy Dirksen walked into Tom Gallo's fifth-grade science classroom at Greenbelt Elementary one Friday in early May, she was greeted with excited cries of "Yay! We get to draw plants today!" There was further excitement when she announced that they were going outside to plant their seedlings in the courtyard.

This was Dirksen's third visit to their science class. Supported by a grant from the Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council, Dirksen had planned five visits to each of the three fifth-grade classes at Greenbelt Elementary. The students are tracking the life-cycle of green bean plants and sketching the plants at each stage of their development, from seeds to full growth.

Each student had a sketchpad and good drawing pencils and sat happily on the grass in the sunshine. Three volunteers, aided by Gallo and Dirksen, planted the seedlings they had grown in plastic cups in their classroom, while the other students watched and started drawing.

Dirksen wanted to do this project "to broaden the students' minds on nature" by watching the change from seed to seedling to fully grown plant, and also to enhance their drawing and observation skills. She wanted them to really look at the plants and draw what they could see, not what they pictured in their minds. "And I love seeing them in the dirt!" added Dirksen with a smile.

The raised beds in the courtyard were created last year by former fifth-grade science teacher Vanessa Zanin with the help of Michele Touchet from the Friends of Still Creek, funded by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award grant from the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.

Parents at the school have been striving for the past few years to bring more art into the classroom, regularly writing grant proposals to bring artists to the school. For several years the school's art teacher could only come to each classroom once a quarter, because he also had to cover several other schools. This year the art teacher, Zsolt Nagy, splits his time between Greenbelt Elementary and Berwyn Heights Elementary. Next year he will be a full-time art teacher at Greenbelt Elementary, thanks to parent advocacy efforts and extra funding for art teachers allocated by the new CEO of schools, Kevin Maxwell.

Star Party Planned At Northway Fields

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will sponsor a star party on Saturday evening, June 7 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway field. Observing will begin at dark, around 9:30 p.m. In addition to the telescope in the observatory, several members will have set up personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all.

Celestial objects to be seen will include the waxing gibbous Moon just past the first quarter, Jupiter with its four Galilean satellites, Saturn with its rings and Mars. Several nice star clusters may also be seen.



Eecarie Welch, Eric Allison, Damon Brockington and Andy Bempah sketch in the school courtyard.



Lucy Dirksen shows Sabrina Mwaha and Folarin Olaniyi how to plant seedlings.

GAIL Honors Tom Moran As Volunteer of the Year

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program selected Thomas Moran as GAIL's Volunteer of the Year. Moran, a 45-year Greenbelt resident and Prince George's native, epitomizes the word service. Moran attended DeMatha High School and the University of Maryland. He served in the Army for two years before going to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 28 years until his retirement in 1988.

In retirement Moran's work as a volunteer began – he joined the AARP Tax Aide Program in 1991 and has volunteered every year since and has served as the Greenbelt coordinator for the program for many years. The AARP Tax Aide Program helps low to moderate income seniors complete and submit their income

tax forms.

Moran was a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels for many years, an usher for St. Hugh's Catholic Church, a board member for the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy and a GIVES volunteer.

At a special GAIL recognition program Thursday, May 15, Moran, accompanied by wife Lori of 49 years and children David and Kathleen, was also presented an award from the IRS by Prince George's County AARP Foundation Tax Aide Program District Coordinator Jim Woods for his years of service. Representatives from GIVES and Meals on Wheels were also there to bring words of appreciation for his services to those groups and Greenbelt seniors.



Shown left to right, Kathleen Betancourt, Lori Moran, 2014 awardee Thomas Moran, Assistant City Manager David Moran and Mayor Emmett Jordan.

Library Display Is Chiu's Chinese Art

The Greenbelt library's June display case features Chinese Paintings by city resident I-Chuin Liu Chiu.

Born in Hunan, China in 1925, she immigrated from Taiwan to the U.S. in 2000 and has been living in Greenbelt since. Although her love for drawing developed in childhood, when she was in college she pursued her musical talents. After moving to Taiwan in 1947

she began to study Chinese painting with several prominent artists while teaching music in high school.

In 1994 she won a top prize at the National Visual Arts Competition in Taiwan in the Chinese painting category for her entry Azalea. At 89, Chiu no longer paints, but says she is very pleased to share some of her works with friends in Greenbelt.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, June 12, 2014

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Appoint New GDC Board of Directors
- Review 1st Quarter Financial Statements
- Taskforce Recommendations for a Smoke-Free Policy at GDC Apartments

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Presentation of Prizes to ARC Bathroom Contest Winners
- Grant Request for Establishment of a Multi-disciplinary Hoarding Task Force
- Yard Line Committee Recommendations for 73A-T Ridge
- Yard Line Committee Recommendations for 33E-V Ridge
- Recertification of Yard Lines for 35B, C, E, & F Ridge
- Exception Request for Proposed 4'x9' Privacy Screen, 5J Ridge
- Exception Request for Proposed Nonconforming Entry Door: Decorative Glass & Rounded Features, 20Q Ridge
- Exception Request for Proposed Removal of Original 1st Floor Bath Window for Kitchen Renovation, 33M Ridge
- Allocations of 2013 Operations' Surplus
- Establish Date for 2015 Annual Membership Meeting
- Request the Communications Committee to Review GHI's Media Policy and Recommend Changes
- Request Finance Committee to Review GHI's Delinquency Policy and Recommend Changes
- Contract for Repairs to 4A Hillside, 1st Reading
- Contract for Underground Utility Repairs, 2nd Reading

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Rotary Club Aid Eases Transition to America

Ojaswi Pandey and her family immigrated from Nepal to the United States just two years ago and she has been transformed from a fear-filled person needing political asylum and with few opportunities to a highly motivated young woman living and thriving near the nation’s capital. She has graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and will attend Middlebury College in Vermont on a full scholarship in the fall.

Pandey knew about Rotary Clubs from experiences with the organization in Nepal and here. Now the Greenbelt Rotary Club has played a giant role in the family’s transition. She has been actively involved with the Rotary Club here, earning her community service points in the Rotary’s project building the Monarch Butterfly Garden at Springhill Lake Elementary School. In providing a place for Monarch butterflies to stop during migration, it will serve as a continuous learning experience for teachers and children at the school and also as a community beautification site for residents of Franklin Park apartments.

Greenbelt Rotary Club Butterfly Garden supervisors John Ujhagy and Helen Svensen were grateful for Pandey’s interest in the garden and recruitment of other volunteers from the Interact Club she ran at ERHS.



Ojaswi Pandey

In 2013, the Rotary Club nominated Pandey to attend its Rotary Youth Leadership Award and the Johns Hopkins Model United Nations Conferences. Pandey says attending gave her perspective on adopting and using Rotary’s leadership four value tests of truth, fairness, goodwill and beneficial to all.

Pandey was awarded the Outstanding Student of the Year in Science at ERHS. She plans to become a doctor.

The Rotary Club will hold a membership outreach and club update Thursday, June 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott. They invite all to visit the open Monarch Butterfly Garden which is not far from the hotel.

News from Greenbelt’s Democratic Club

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club sponsored a series of forums featuring Democratic Gubernatorial and Lt. Gubernatorial candidates over the last several months. These lead up to the primary election to be held in just a couple of weeks, June 24 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Voting precinct site information is at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceResults>. Early voting will be from Thursday, June 12 through June 19, daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The closest early voting site to Greenbelt is the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park.

Annual Picnic

The club invites all in the community to its annual picnic, Saturday, June 14 at 3 p.m., at Schrom Hills Park. Candidates for county, state and federal offices will likely be joining the fun.

A good crowd is expected so everyone is asked to bring a dish – salad, fruit or a dessert to help complement the hot dogs and burgers on the grill, vegan and meat. Everyone is urged to bring a favorite dish, enjoy the atmosphere, the company of friends, good conversation and an opportunity to raise issues of concern with candidates.

The Club will hold the annual trip to Prince George’s Stadium for the August 15 game between the Bowie Baysox (an Orioles minor league affiliate) and the Trenton Thunder, Yankees minor league affiliate.

See ad on page 10 or call 301-220-1025 for details.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of 6/03/14

	W-L
Cubs	11-1
Giants	10-4
Athletics	7-7
Tigers	6-6
Orioles	6-8
Cardinals	5-6
Indians	0-11

Schedule for the Week of June 9-14

Monday, 6/9	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cardinals
Tuesday, 6/10	6 p.m.	Cubs vs. Giants
Wednesday, 6/11	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Indians
Thursday, 6/12	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Orioles
Friday, 6/13	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Cubs
*Friday, 6/13	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Cardinals
Saturday, 6/14	10 a.m.	Giants vs. Indians
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

May 26, 9:30 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A man walking on Cherrywood Lane was approached by two men who asked to use his cell phone. He ignored them and continued walking. One of the men then displayed a handgun and demanded his phone. After obtaining it they fled on foot. They are described as black males in their teens, one with a thin build and short hair, wearing dark pants and no shirt, and the other with a thin build and long dreadlocks, wearing a white t-shirt and black jacket.

Arrest

May 23, 7:05 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A 26-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Franklin Park Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation into the custody of the Sheriff's Department after he was found to have an open warrant.

May 24, 11 a.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A 26-year-old nonresident man arrested the day before for trespassing was re-arrested for the same charges at the same location. He was released on citation pending trial.

May 26, 11:45 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Drive. A 25-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft after taking and driving away a golf cart belonging to Franklin Park Apartments. He was located in the cart a short time later, arrested and released on citation pending trial.

DWI/DUI

May 24, 1:49 a.m., 7800 block Emily's Way. A 47-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alco-

hol-related violations and other traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 24, 7:40 p.m., Cherrywood Lane near Breezewood Drive. A 49-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations and other traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 26, 12:02 a.m. Greenbelt Road near Southway. A 26-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations and other traffic related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

Theft

May 22, 9 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cellphone was taken at Safeway.

May 23, 4:30 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An unattended cellphone was taken from the basketball court area.

May 27, 2 p.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane. Janitorial supplies were taken from a storage area.

May 27, 7500 block Greenbelt Road, Greenway Shopping Center. A woman was sitting in her vehicle when a man reached in the open window, took her purse and fled on foot.

Burglary

May 25, 3 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A woman inside her apartment heard a noise at her window and saw a man try to force the window open. When he saw the woman, he fled on foot. He is described as a black male, 16-to-17 years of age, 5'11", 150 pounds, wearing a black skull cap, black long-sleeved shirt and black pants.

May 27, 5:58 p.m., 9300

block Edmonston Road. The front door of an apartment was forced open and jewelry and two televisions were taken.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen, a white 2002 Ford Econoline E150 van with Md. tags 4BL4404, taken from the area of Cherrywood Lane at Cherrywood Court.

Attempts were made to steal two vehicles. A man was doing work in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace and when he walked back to his vehicle, he saw a man jump out of it and flee on foot. He then saw the car. The ignition had been tampered with in an attempt to steal the car. In the 9100 block Edmonston Court, a car window was forced open to gain entry and the ignition was removed in an attempt to take the vehicle.

Thefts from autos occurred after breaking windows in the 9100 block of Edmonston Court (driver side airbag) and at Mandan Road near Hanover Parkway (audio equipment, tools and an iPod).

Near Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway, windows of three vehicles were broken but nothing appeared to have been taken. This also occurred in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

In the 7800 block Mandan Road an installed headlight was

removed from a vehicle in which a passenger side window had been broken out.

Vandalism

Vandalism occurred in the 8300 block Canning Terrace where the driver's side window was broken out.

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Hearing Board

Mayor Emmett Jordan served as the chair of the administrative hearing board. He made it clear that this was not a meeting of the city council and read the following statement:

“The City Council is acting as an administrative board in hearing the dispute between two parties both of whom are capably represented by legal counsel. Therefore, no public input shall be allowed at the hearing as this is a dispute between these two parties only.”

Also present from the city council as members of the hearing board were Judith F. Davis, Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Silke Pope, Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts.

When a woman in the audience spoke up a few minutes later to ask that the FOP’s labor attorney speak loud enough to be heard, Jordan was explicit in saying the audience was present only to observe and that if there were further interruptions he would not hesitate to clear the room. No further interruptions ensued but some silent commentary continued as several people stood and listened quietly while holding signs. One sign, held by a city resident, provided a comment on the city council’s serving as the hearing board. It said, “Collective bargaining is collective begging without a third-party decision-maker.” Two non-bargaining city employees also carried signs, saying, “All employees equal,” reminding participants that all employees have the same issues though only a limited number are covered by collective bargaining

Jordan reviewed the agenda, which described the process that would follow. Presentations of up to 30 minutes would be made by the legal representatives of each side’s bargaining team, followed by questions from the board, starting with the FOP. He said that after that, different scenarios could take place. The one that eventually did take place was that the board recessed the hearing to consult with the city solicitor in executive session at about 10:45 p.m. and returned to the council room to announce its decision an hour later, with the hearing ending at midnight.

As required by the labor code, each side had submitted a written statement of the matters in dispute to the city council at the time of giving notice of the impasse. Subsequent revisions of financial information caused several ripples of revised data and documents. The disagreements on pay increases involved significant differences in the view of each side on the extent to which the city had rebounded from its budget problems, as well as the extent of existing commitments to funds available.

Compensation Issues

The FOP maintained that Greenbelt’s police officers had seen an erosion in their compensation over the last four years that was not only significant but also exceeded that of comparable jurisdictions. In addition to the value lost, the FOP cited the impact of having their step increases frozen for four years, which results in no credit being given for advances in experience and training. They described the lack of step increases as effectively being a cutback with far-reaching impact on retirement funds.

The FOP’s position was that although the city’s financial picture had improved, with the city having paid down debt and accumulated resources, the city was still requesting sacrifices from the officers for three more years. The city had offered two different scenarios. Under one offer, the city would provide a cost of living increase (COLA) but no step increases. Under the other offer, the city would provide step increases but no COLA and permanently reduce the officers’ deferred compensation benefits.

Under the “COLA Only” offer, a COLA in the amounts of 1.7, 1.8 and 1.9 percents would be provided over the three contract years, which the FOP said would permit no recovery of purchasing power. The “Steps Only” plan would be even less fair, the FOP maintained, since in permanently lowering the city’s deferred compensation contribution from 5 to 2 percent over the three years, the benefit of the step increases would effectively be offset.

The FOP described its own offer as “reasonable and affordable.” It would include a 1.5 percent COLA over the three years and a resumption of step increases, with only a temporary reduction in deferred compensation contributions. Even so, they explained, their plan would still result in a lower percentage increase in pay from Fiscal Years 2011-2015 than any local jurisdiction’s except New Carrollton’s. The FOP argued that the cost of its proposal was not substantially higher than the cost

of the city’s offers.

In its presentation, the city argued nearly the opposite, calculating that the FOP proposal would cost 46 percent more than the city’s over the next three years. Moreover the city’s step proposal would add an 18th step to the ladder. The city’s COLA proposal would include a “me too” clause—a matching increase for officers—on any merit increase to other city employees. The city also strongly maintained that compensation for Greenbelt officers is indeed comparable to that of similar jurisdictions, in part because of the 5 percent city-paid deferred compensation and pension plan.

The city also analyzed the state of its own unreserved fund balance relative to those of other cities and discussed such impacts as the remaining needs for funding for the Greenbelt Theatre capital project and the deferral of eventual revenues from Greenbelt Station South Core Development until at least the third year of the contract.

Trial Board

In 2002 the General Assembly amended the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights (LEOBR) to expand methods for selecting the members of trial boards dealing with administrative charges against an officer. In its final offer the FOP had proposed an alternative selection method in which one member each would be selected by the chief and the FOP, with a third randomly selected from another Maryland jurisdiction from a previously agreed upon list. This method would replace the existing method where the

chief appoints members who are randomly selected.

The FOP maintained that while it had no complaints regarding the administration of the current method under Chief James Craze, it believed the other method would be preferable should another chief take his place. The city argued against this proposal, noting that there had been no need to appoint a trial board in Greenbelt over the last 22 years, the FOP has no standing to appoint members, and such a method would result in long delays in deciding cases. The city also believed the proposed method had more potential for bias in appointments than the current method.

Decision

Councilmembers asked questions following each presentation. They recessed the hearing at 10:45 p.m. to meet with the city attorneys. Upon their return, Jordan announced that the decision of the hearing board was that since a COLA of 2 percent for FY 2015 had already been included in the budget for other city employees, the COLA for the officers for that year should be increased from 1.7 to 2 percent and that if a higher COLA were given to other city staff than the negotiated COLA increases for FY 2016 or 2017 (1.8 and 1.9 percent respectively), then those rates would be matched automatically.

On the matter of the composition of the hearing boards under LEOBR, Jordan said the board further decided that it was not inclined to make any change in the current method of selecting members. He added that dealing with the step system is a challenge

that the city would have to come back to in order to address it in an appropriate way. He said they recognized its importance but that it could not be dealt with now.

The city council, acting as the administrative hearing board, voted unanimously to support the announced opinion.

Next Steps

Jordan said that in accord with the requirements of the labor code, council was directing the city solicitor to prepare a written opinion and decision consistent with their decision, which all the members of the city council will sign. As of press time, there was no projection on when that would occur, but City Manager Michael McLaughlin said he thought it would likely come this week.

When the document is signed, it will be forwarded to the FOP and the city management negotiating teams for further consideration along with the other items of negotiation about which agreement had already been reached. The labor code provides for no further remedies beyond the administrative hearing board when there is an impasse other than limited instances in which a court remedy might be sought.

The position statements and verbal presentations of the city and the FOP are much more detailed and complex than can be represented in a brief summary. Readers who want a fuller picture can go to the city web site at greenbeltmd.gov to find most of the documents, together with their attachments and exhibits, under the calendar entry for the hearing on May 28.

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Greenbelt ACE Sponsors Local After-school Clubs

by Don Rich

Three after-school clubs support students attending elementary schools that serve Greenbelt and help them keep alive what they learn in their classes. Two of the clubs, one at Springhill Lake Elementary School and the other at Magnolia Elementary School, enrich reading skills, while another club at Magnolia provides hands-on activities in science. The clubs meet monthly and their activities are planned and facilitated by teachers from those schools but are open to students from any Greenbelt school.

The three clubs are coordinated and sponsored by the City of Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), comprised of community volunteers appointed by the city council who share a common goal to ensure quality education and outstanding schools. Funding for ACE programs is provided by the City of Greenbelt.

Reading Club

The Reading Club at Springhill Lake Elementary School has been offered for the past four years. Bonnie Merryman, a first grade teacher, has directed the club since it started. On a recent afternoon after classes had ended, eight students gathered to have some fun with the scheduled activities. First, everyone received a Valentine's Day word find puzzle. There were 18 words to find. The first three students to find the most words in the set time received awards for their efforts.



Bonnie Merryman shows the Springhill Lake Reading Club what projects will look like as well as how to use them.

Then the activities took a humorous turn to knock knock jokes, also related to Valentine's Day. Merryman first demonstrated how to make the jokes, then everyone worked on their own to make the funniest jokes. Grade levels of the Springhill Lake club members range from third to fifth grade. "I like this mix of ages and skill levels, which is different from the one grade level I am teaching," Merryman said.

Science Club

The Science Club at Magnolia Elementary School is now in its second year under the direction of Tanisha Wood, special education chairperson, and Shari Gant, third grade chairperson. At a recent meeting, 16 first and sec-

ond grade students gathered to have some learning fun with the topic secret messages. With the materials given to them, these super scientists (as they call themselves) tried their best to create secret messages and pictures using a mix of baking soda and water.

Then, working in groups of four, they applied three different liquids (fruit juice, lemon juice and water) to their message. Wood directed everyone to "make observations about which liquid makes your message or picture appear best. Remember, your job as super scientists is to observe," Wood said.

Reading Club

At a recent meeting of the

Magnolia Reading Club, 14 second grade students read parts of Charlotte's Web. First, the chapters previously read were reviewed; then the participants started on the theme for their meeting, drawing conclusions. Club leader Leslie Tapscott, reading specialist, directed the students to pay attention to what they read, the details, and what they could conclude from their reading.

Before the students took their turns reading aloud from the story, Tapscott advised everyone, "Be sure to listen to the reader and follow along." One question Tapscott asked was, "What do we know about Fern and Wilbur?"



Jeneba and Najaah work on their knock-knock joke projects.



Jayden cuts flip-flap doors on his project.

The writer of this article also had a chance to read from the story. While he was reading, one of the girls in the group proved she was listening when she pointed out I had mispronounced a word in the story.

Don Rich is a member of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

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ACE Awards Lead the Way at 18th Annual Recognition

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) awards ceremony was the first item on the agenda of the May 12 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. All available seats are always filled for this annual event as parents, students, principals and teachers celebrate the selection of outstanding students.

Outgoing ACE committee member Alla Lake began the presentation, mentioning that these awards have been given out every year since 1996. There are currently six schools either located in Greenbelt or which are the primary schools for children living in Greenbelt that are eligible for ACE awards: Greenbelt, Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools; Turning Point Academy; Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

In addition to council, a number of local dignitaries attended the ceremony: State Senator Paul Pinsky; Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington; School Board member Peggy Higgins and Altmann Panell, who represented County Councilmember Ingrid Turner. A number of school principals and ACE committee members were also present.

Purpose of ACE

Lake described the purpose of ACE – to serve as a link between the community and council, addressing education issues and promoting high-quality schools for the people of Greenbelt. She also described some ongoing activities.

But the main purpose of ACE’s presence at the meeting is the presentation of the annual awards. These awards recognize Greenbelt students who honor the city’s traditions of citizenship, leadership and academic achievement.

Although many students achieve academically, she said the recipients have uniquely impressed their principals, teachers and the wider community and exemplify the values that make Greenbelt a great community. Students received a Greenbelt tee shirt and a gift certificate to Books-A-Million in Beltway Plaza. They also received certificates from city, county and state dignitaries. And they will march with the ACE committee in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Parade.

In addition the two graduating ACE Student Award winners from Eleanor Roosevelt High School each will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to help them with expenses associated with the next part of their education.

Lake introduced ACE member Janet Mirsky, who read descriptions of each student’s accomplishments. The award descriptions, one boy and one girl for each school, are summarized below.

Greenbelt Elementary School

Tayquan Freeland, the male awardee from Greenbelt Elementary School, is an extremely conscientious student. Staying on top of his academics is a priority to Tayquan; and he frequently as-



Left to right – First Row: Da’Che Shaleta Jackson, Tayquan Freeland, Nnadozie Okarazu, Delegate Tawanna Gaines, Ahmed Kamil, Nuzhat Zaheen, Christian Nwude, Annah Bantama, Amanda Schroeder, Veronica Martin Fredrick, and Hanna Cetuk. Second Row: Dave Whiteman, Delegate Anne Healey, Don Rich, School Board Member Peggy Higgins, Delegate Alonzo Washington, Evan Candey, Elizabeth Gardner, Emily Winner, Janet Mirsky, Alla Lake, and Malachi Warren. Last Row: Altman Pannell, Jon Gardner, Elsie Waynes, State Senator Paul Pinsky, Councilmember Edward Putens, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Leta Mach, Silke Pope, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts.

sists other students. During this past difficult winter, he helped people shovel and dig out cars.

The female student award winner from Greenbelt Elementary School is Amanda Schroeder. As an example of her leadership and initiative, she created her own fundraiser to help raise money for the school. At the Spring Fair, she set up a table and sold homemade rainbow loom bracelets, necklaces, earrings and small figures. It was apparent that much time, effort and thought had gone into this endeavor. She has also donated items to be sold in the school store and for those less fortunate.

Springhill Lake Elementary

Christian Nwude is an honor roll student at Springhill Lake Elementary School and participates in the talented and gifted program. He is a part of the Helping Hands club, which works year-round to improve the environment. Christian also is an active member of the Springhill Lake School Wellness Action Team, and sings in the Springhill Lake Elementary school chorus.

The female ACE Student Award winner from Springhill Lake Elementary School is fifth-grader Nuzhat Zaheen. She is an outstanding scholar, and a member of the school art club; her beautiful work has been displayed at the school. She also plays violin and is a member of the Springhill Lake orchestra. Nuzhat lends her voice to the school chorus and had a solo part in the spring musical. She helps new students adjust to the school.

Magnolia Elementary

Malachi Warren is the male sixth-grade awardee from Magnolia Elementary School. Although he was new at Magnolia this school year, everyone at the

school felt he had been there longer.

Malachi has an easy manner and an infectious smile. He speaks highly of his family and it is obvious they are instructing him on how to be a good citizen. He is an honor-roll student and at the top of his Mod in Reading and Math. Helpful and caring, he assists peers without being asked.

Annah Bantama, the female awardee from Magnolia Elementary School, is a very talented young lady – kind, compassionate, considerate and sensitive. While very quiet, she has no shortage of friends and associates; peers seem to gravitate toward her and although she seems a bit shy, her bright smile lights up the room.

She was described as being the voice of reason and has helped to settle a few squabbles that have broken out among classmates.”

An honor roll student and member of the school chorus, Annah most recently performed in Magnolia’s Black History program, singing and dancing.

Turning Point Academy

The male awardee from Turning Point Academy is Nnadozie Okarazu, an eighth-grade honors student described as an outstanding citizen. His favorite subject is science and he loves to draw.

Nnadozie is enrolled in geometry usually a high school course. He also goes beyond the assignment material to acquire a deeper understanding of the subjects he studies and he reflects on what he learns. Nnadozie is a polite, pleasant young man whose respectful behavior is appreciated by all who work with him.

The female awardee for the ACE Student Award from Turning Point Academy is Da’Che

Jackson, who was described as an outstanding asset to the classroom environment. She is an eighth-grade honors student determined to be successful, who builds rapport with people of all ages. Da’che works independently and brings initiative and a positive attitude to studies and life. Her leadership skills are evident when she works in a group. She loves animals and plans to be a veterinarian.

Greenbelt Middle School

The male award for Greenbelt Middle School goes to Evan Candey, a caring, easy-going, positive young man.

He brings humor and creativity to the classroom, exuding light-heartedness while remaining dedicated to his studies. He can diffuse conflicts between peers, helping end them with laughter and participates in a number of sports, including soccer and basketball, and shows talent for drums and piano.

The female awardee at Greenbelt Middle School is Elizabeth “Lizzie” Gardner. She is committed to excellence in everything she does. She is a model student and asks insightful questions that show a deep curiosity and desire to learn. Elizabeth also encourages peers to reach for high standards and seeks teachers’ input on her work. She has earned a 4.0 GPA every year in elementary and middle schools. She has won numerous academic awards, and also played the clarinet in the county honor band in seventh and eighth grades.

Eleanor Roosevelt

The male ERHS awardee is Ahmed Kamil, who has been a Greenbelt resident for 13 years and is an assistant coach for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. Ahmed has a passion for edu-

cation and currently has a 4.29 grade point average.

His diligence has been rewarded with several academic awards and was recognized by Secretary of Energy Steven Chu and First Lady Michelle Obama for his Science Bowl participation.

Ahmed is ERHS president of the National Honor Society and also assists with peer tutoring. He is a co-founder of the Science Bowl, a mentor in the Model United Nations Club, and has been a pre-calculus teaching assistant. He has interned in various fields, including the pharmaceutical industry and the county circuit court, to see where he best fits.

Emily Winner is the female ACE Award winner from ERHS. She is a thoughtful, precise, intelligent young woman who currently has a 4.19 cumulative grade point average. She participated in the Greenbelt Winter Youth Musical, has volunteered at the Creative Kids Camp and works with parents of children with behavioral problems in the Gemstone Team at the University of Maryland. Emily plans to work as a computer programmer in the video game industry and has won a regional computing award.

State Delegate Anne Healey presented the final ERHS award – a Maryland State Delegate Scholarship for \$500 to Hannah Cetuk, a nine-year resident who is a well-rounded, hard-working student immersed in a variety of activities. Since ninth grade Hannah has been an honor-roll student and has a cumulative grade point average of 4.22.

She has won academic awards and is an active member of her church. She also raises money for the House of Ruth.